Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 12 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 13 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 11 Feb 2021 at 13:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold and very windy conditions next few days and transition to less cold weather later in weekend and early next week. Lower confidence on sleet/snow details Sunday and Monday.

Headline for Friday 12 Feb 2021: Most ranges staying dry with sunny spells. A few snow showers in east. Very cold with gales on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 12 Feb 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	10%	20%	20%	10%

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Weather: Most areas will have another dry day with plenty of sunshine and glare from snow cover. Cloudier skies in east of area will produce a few snow showers. Strong winds will lead to drifting and blowing of the lying snow.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%.

Visibility: Generally good but blowing snow in some areas will result in whiteout conditions. Also patches of very poor visibility as showers pass by with clouds briefly lowering to 600m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	35/44 SE	36/46 SE	39/50 SE	41/52 SE	39/51 SE	38/49 SE	39/52 SE	41/56 SE	44/60 SE
900	24/31 S	33/40 SE	36/45 SE	43/55 SE	43/57 SE	42/57 SE	43/59 SE	46/65 SE	49/70 SE
600	13/17 SW	11/16 S	13/20 S	22/36 S	30/47 SE	28/46 SE	28/47 SE	29/50 S	31/54 S
300	3/7 E	3/7 E	7/13 NE	6/13 NE	6/14 SE	11/24 SE	14/30 S	19/40 S	22/45 S
Glen	2/7 E	2/10 SW	4/17 S	4/18 S	5/17 S	5/16 S	6/18 S	7/20 S	7/22 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-10/-22	-10/-22	-11/-23	-11/-24	-10/-23	-10/-22	-10/-23	-11/-24	-12/-26
900	-7/-16	-6/-16	-6/-17	-6/-18	-6/-17	-6/-17	-7/-18	-7/-20	-8/-21
600	-6/-13	-5/-10	-4/-11	-4/-12	-4/-13	-4/-12	-4/-13	-5/-14	-6/-16
300	-9/-12	-7/-10	-5/-9	-4/-8	-1/-4	-1/-6	-3/-9	-3/-10	-4/-12
Glen	-8/-14	-6/-8	-4/-8	-4/-7	-0/-4	0/-3	-1/-6	-1/-7	-2/-8
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling bitterly cold with strong to gale force winds and temperatures well below freezing.

Forecast for Saturday 13 Feb 2021
Weather: The dry and very cold, windy weather looks set to continue. There will be plenty of sunshine in the morning then high cloud moving in during afternoon. Strong winds will continue to cause problems with blowing and drifting snow.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly gales continuing, average speeds on higher ridges and summits of 30 to 40mph and gusts 50 to 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%

Visibility: Mainly good but areas of blowing snow will result in whiteout conditions.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 6 Celsius rising to plus 1 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 7 Celsius.
Freezing level: Temperatures below freezing at most levels.

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